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SUBJECT: AIR MALTA ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION SIGNED

REF: VALLETTA 578

1. GOM AND PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (PIA) INITIALLED ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND MEMORANDUM OF AIR MALTA COMPANY LTD MARCH 26. AIR MALTA IS NOW SCHEDULED TO START OPERATING APRIL 1, 1974, WHEN PIA WILL LEASE TO AIR MALTA TWO OF THE REPORTED THREE BOEING 720'S CURRENTLY IN SERVICE WITH PIA. THREE MALTESE DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY GOM ARE: JOHN MIZZI, PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF MALTA AIRLINES AND CHAIRMAN OF MALTA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; CHARLES MIFSUD, CLERK OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND VINCENT FALZON, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN PM'S OFFICE. PAI BOARD MEMBERS ARE RAFIQUE SEIGOL, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PIA, AND M. ANSARI, DIRECTOR OF PIA CORPORATE BODIES. SEIGOL TOLD JOURNALISTS AIR MALTA WILL APPLY IMMEDIATELY FOR IATA MEMBERSHIP AND

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WILL START THIS YEAR TO TRAIN 10 MALTESE PILOTS AND 10 TECHNICIANS. PILOTS TO BE TRAINED IN PAKISTAN AND TECHNICIANS IN MALTA AS WELL AS PAKISTAN.

2. COMMENT: PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC SECRETARY IN PM'S OFFICE, PATRICK STAINES, INFORMED EMBOFF'S MARCH 27 THAT CRUCIAL FACTOR IN GOM DECISION AWARD CONTRACT FOR ESTABLISHMENT NEW NATIONAL CARRIER TO PIA WAS PROMPTNESS OF THEIR RESPONSES TO MANY REQUESTS OF GOM DURING NEGOTIATION WITH SELF-IMPOSED DEADLINE. STAINES ALSO INDICATED THAT WORLD AIRWAYS' SLOWNESS IN RESPONDING TO SUCH REQUESTS UNDOUBTEDLY HAD ADVERSE EFFECT ON THEIR PROSPECTS. "NATIONAL AIRLINES OF MIAMI CAME IN TOO LATE WITH A PROPOSAL WHICH DID NOT FULLY MEET THE DESIRES OF GOM." BOEING'S LACK OF EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN AIRLINE MANAGEMENT AND UNWILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE CAPITAL PARTICIPATION ADVERSELY AFFECTED THEIR PROSPECTS. GOM EXPECTS, HOWEVER, TO DEVELOP CLOSE RELATIONS WITH BOEING PEOPLE PURSUANT INTRODUCTION THEIR EQUIPMENT. GETZ

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